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(54) **EVENT FLOW USER INTERFACE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A user interface for a computer that can display one or more virtual or digital files that allow a user to sort through and select a particular virtual or digital file to interact with, or a digital object associated with that virtual or digital file. The user interface described herein allows a user to view and browse rapidly through a sequence of images representing one or more virtual or digital files by displaying in the user interface a combination of two images simultaneously, side-by-side, while continuously maintaining the specified sequence.

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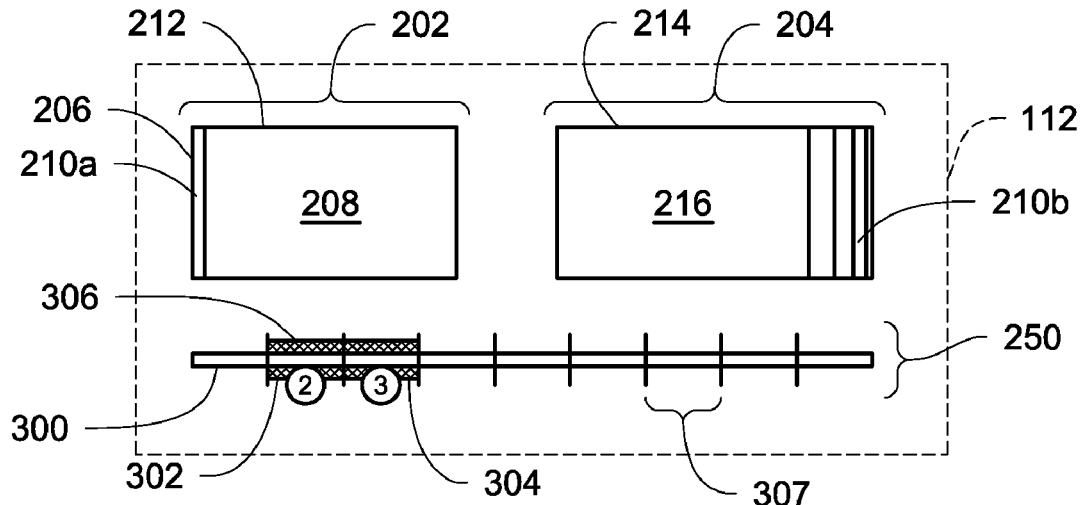


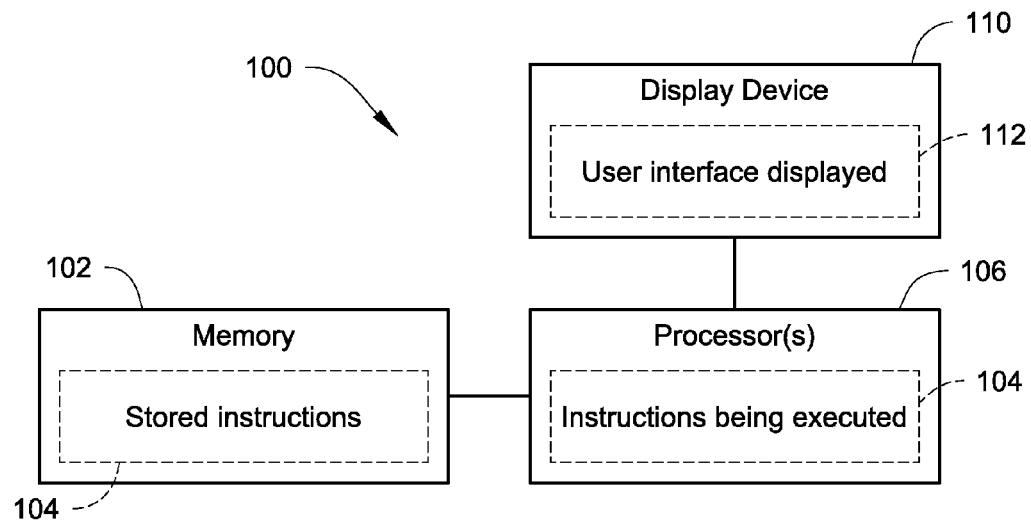
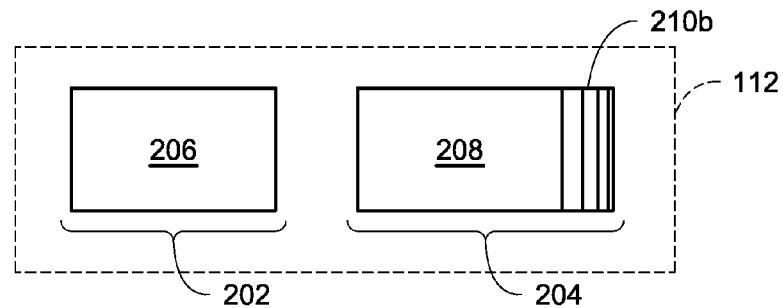
Fig. 1*Fig. 2*

Fig. 3A

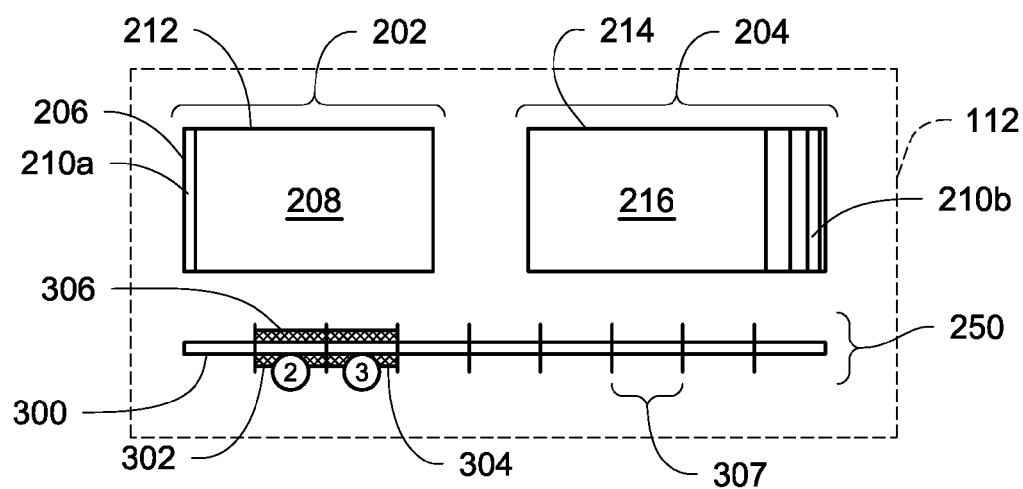


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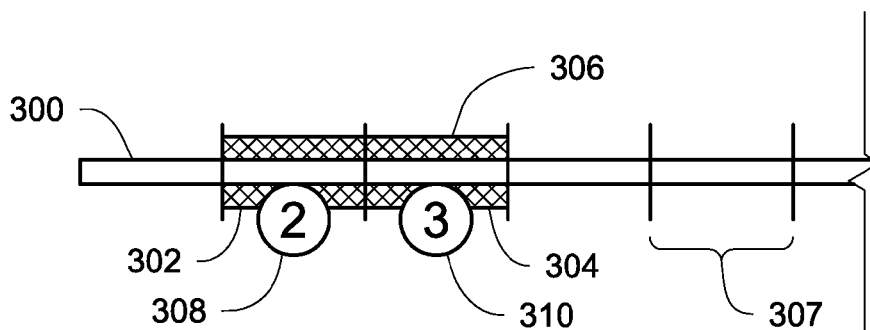


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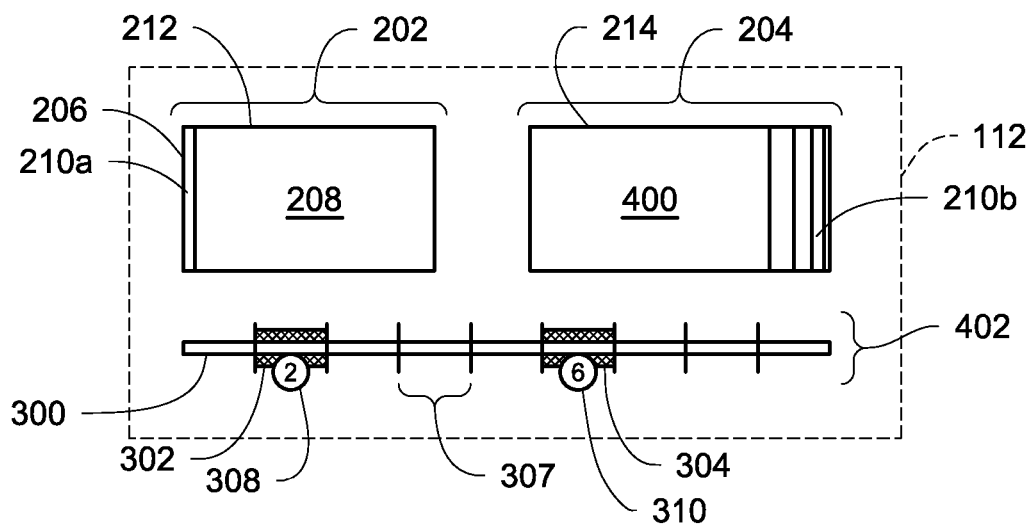


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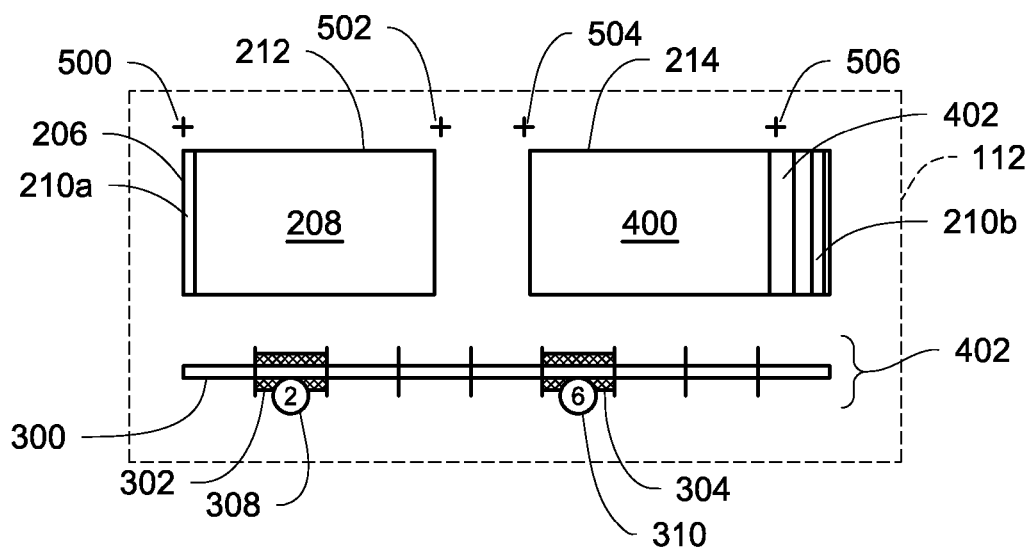


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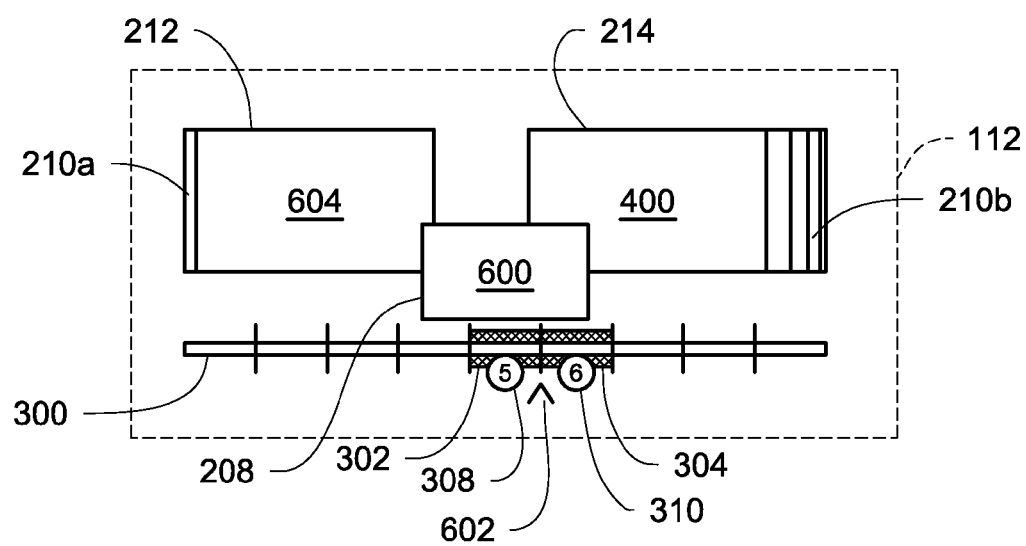


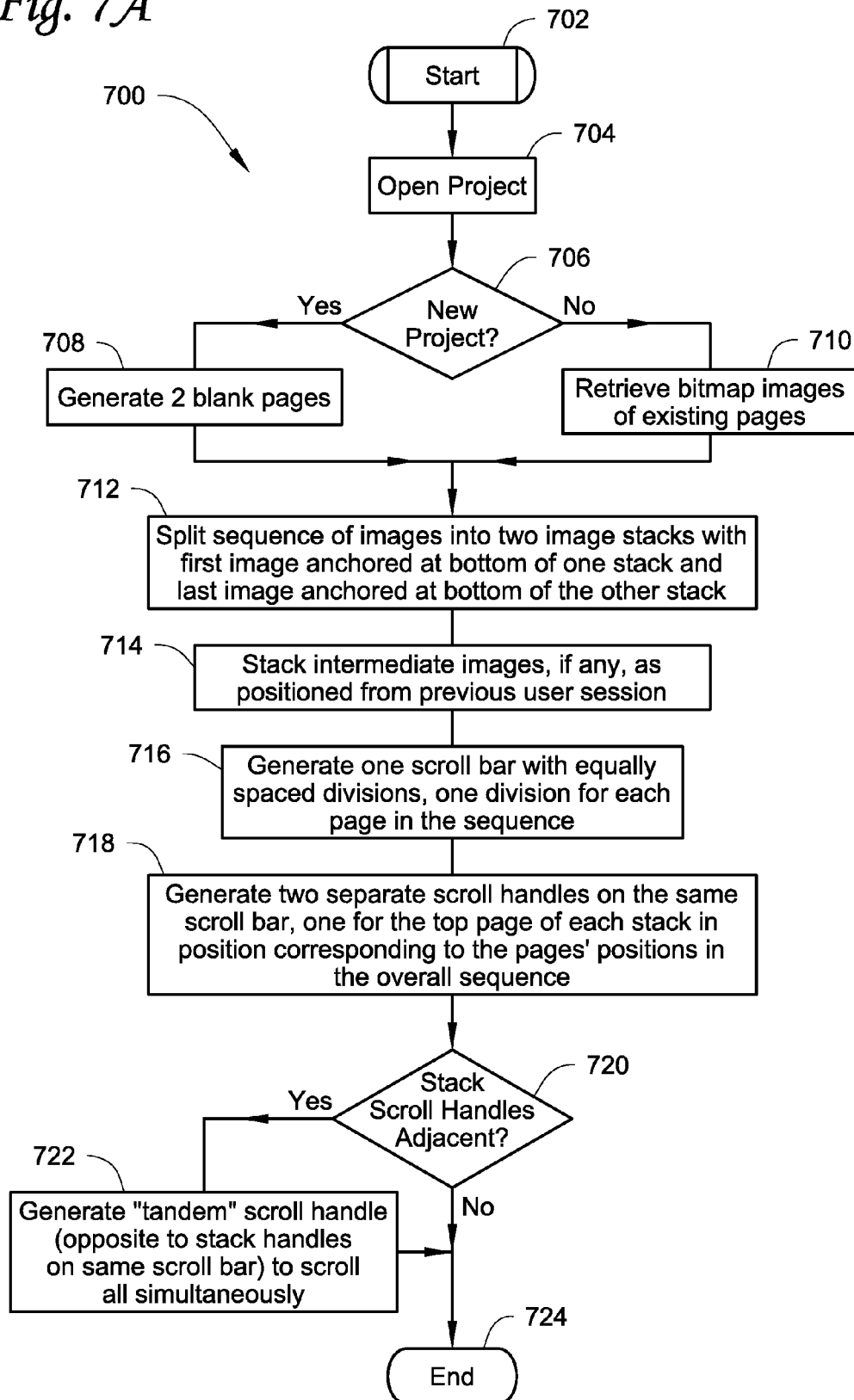
Fig. 7A

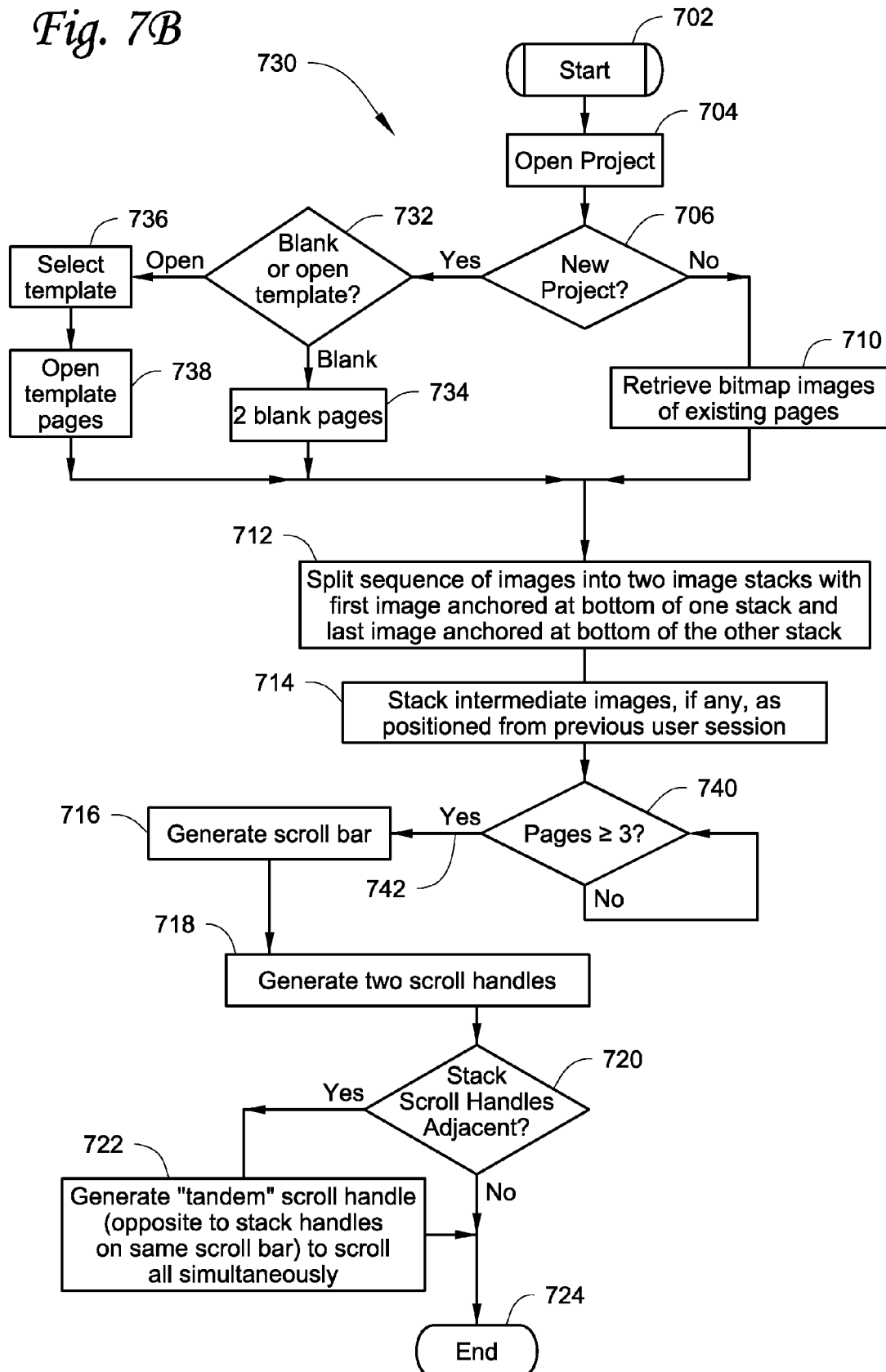
Fig. 7B

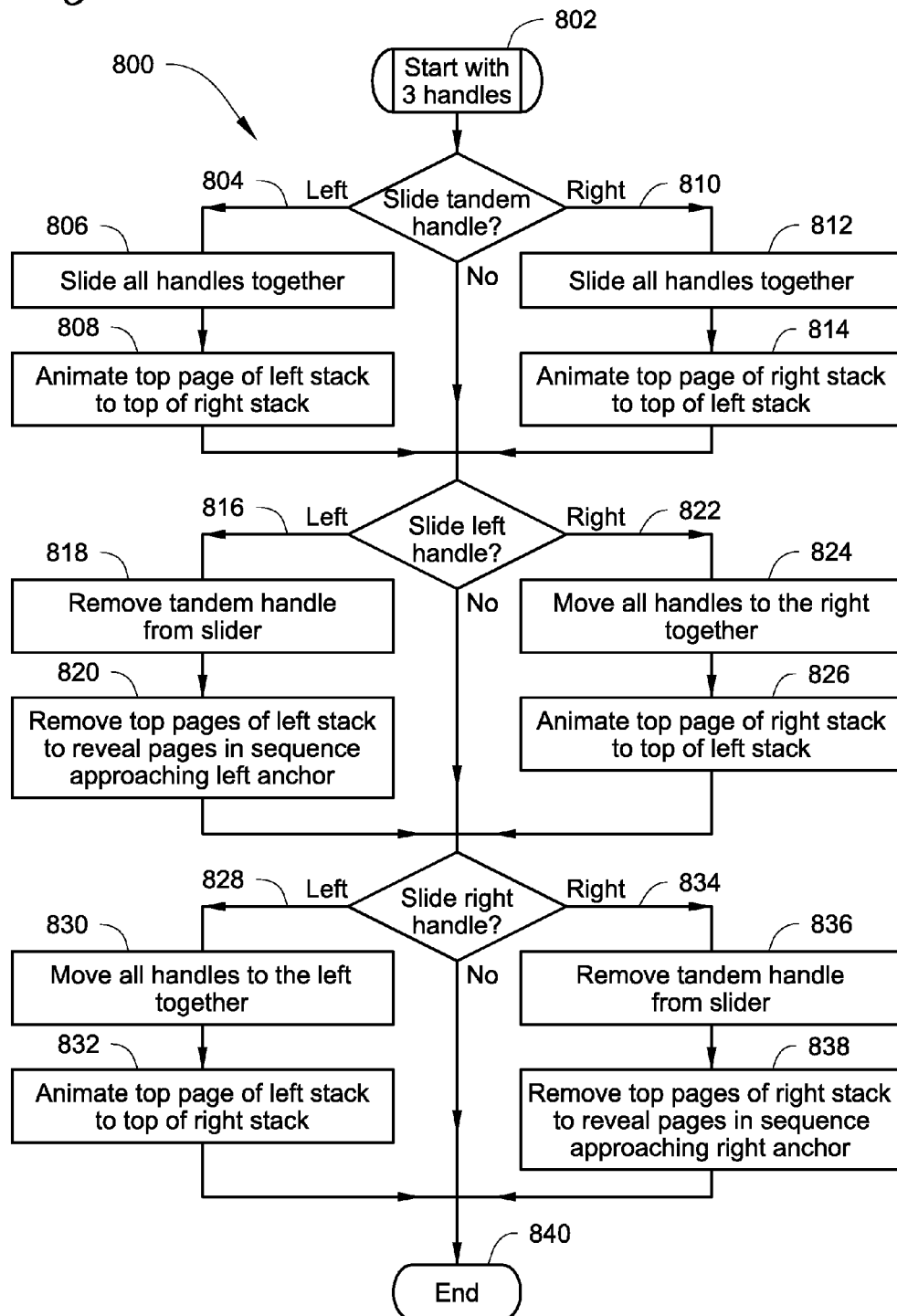
Fig. 8

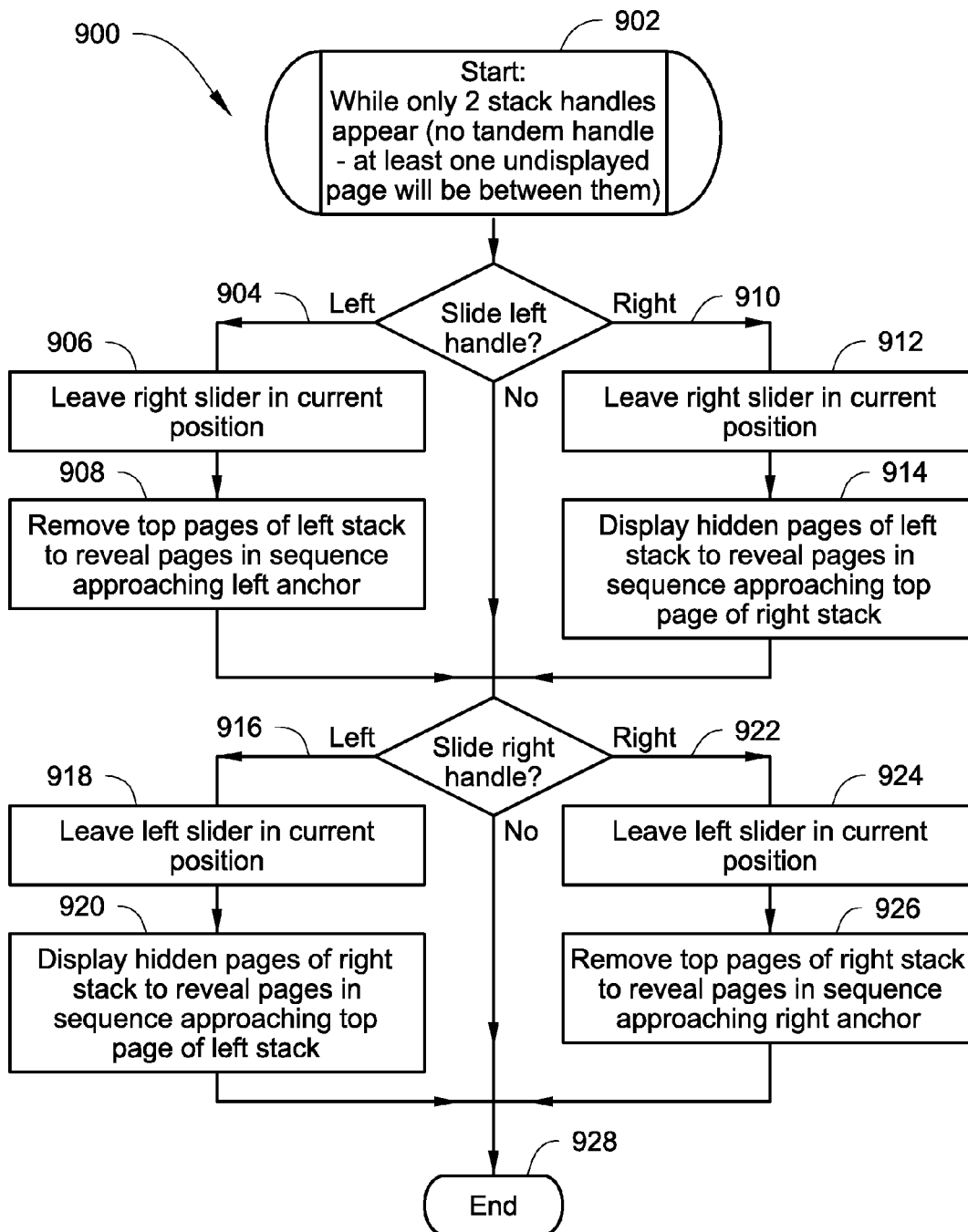
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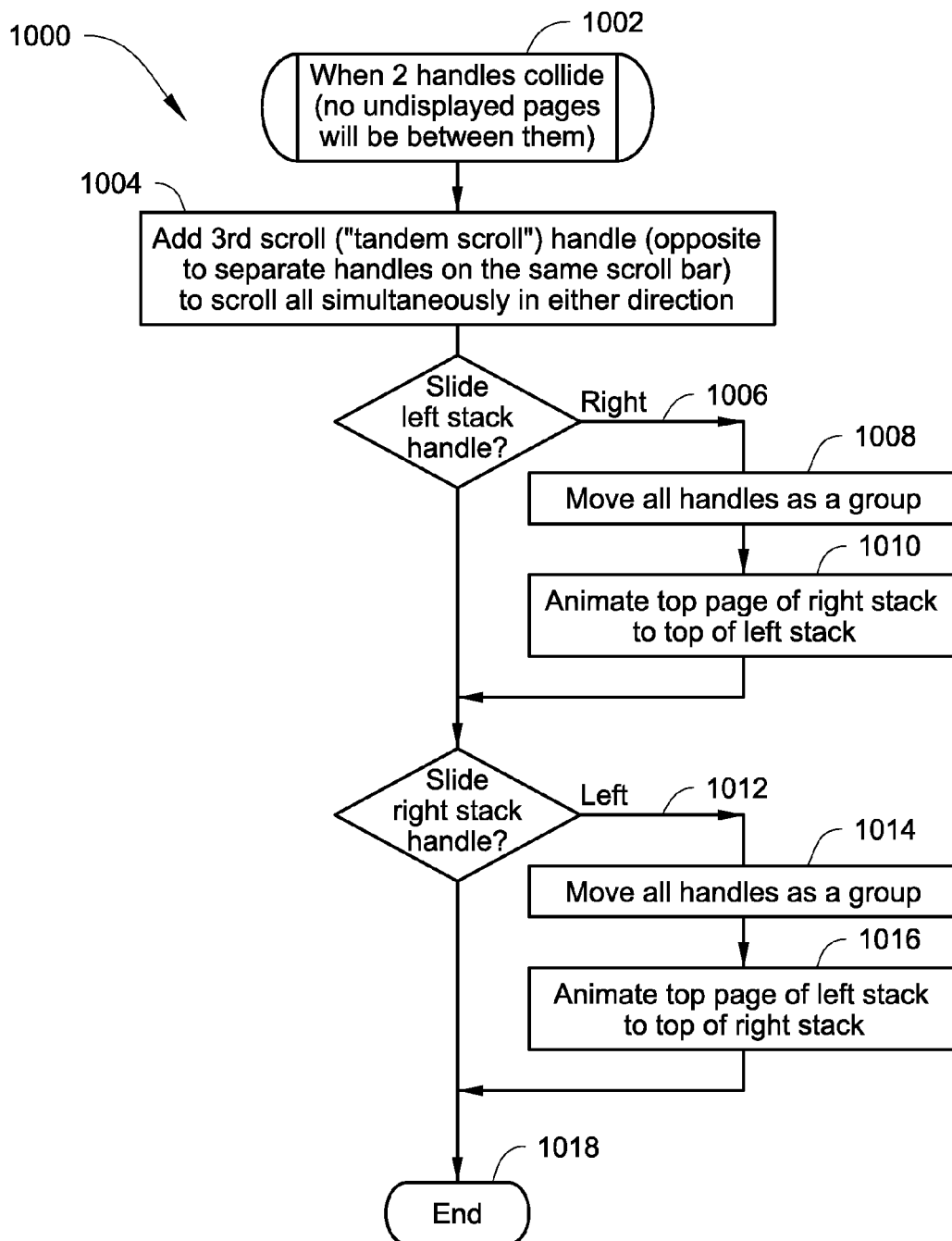
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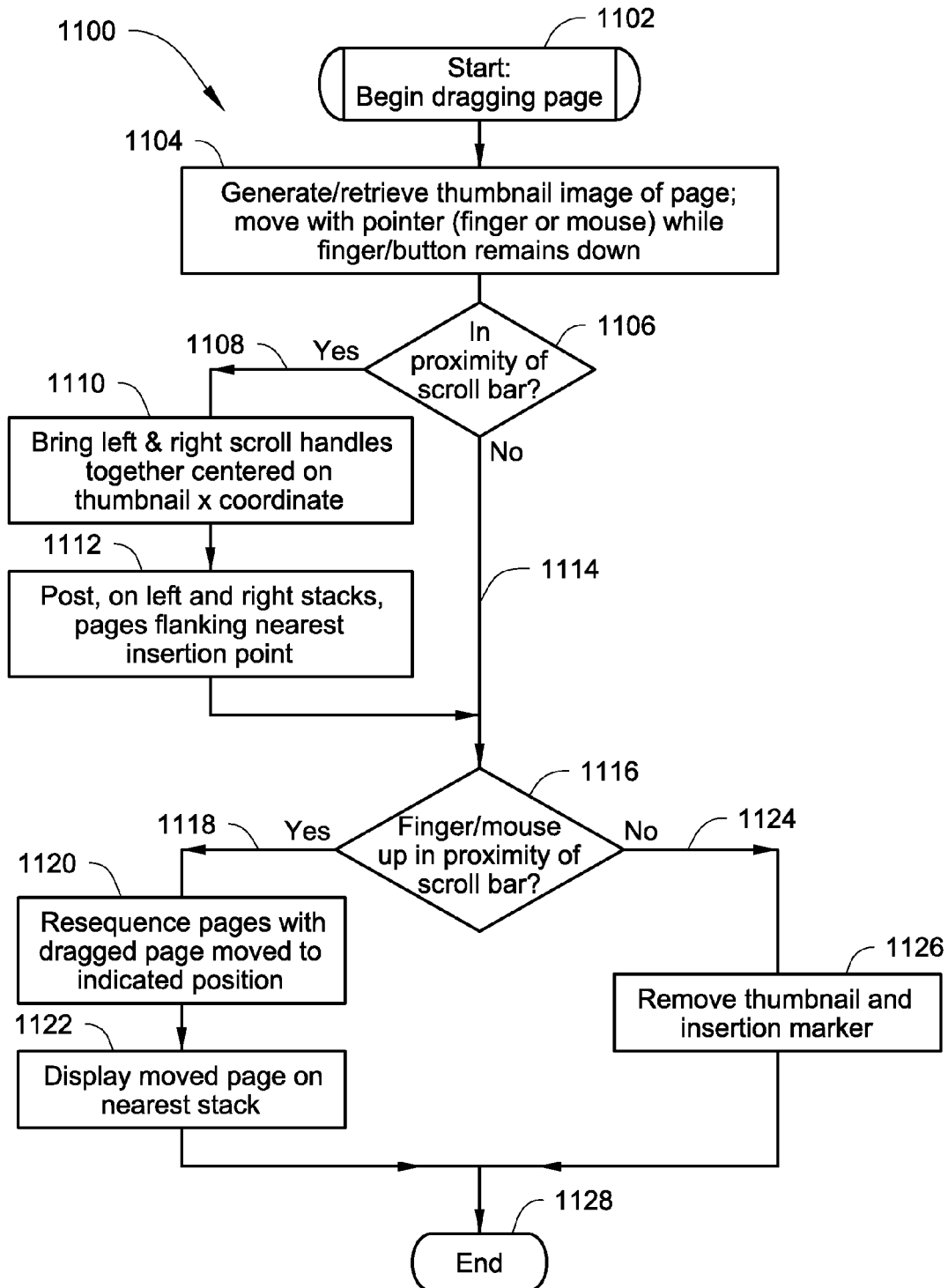
Fig. 11

Fig. 12

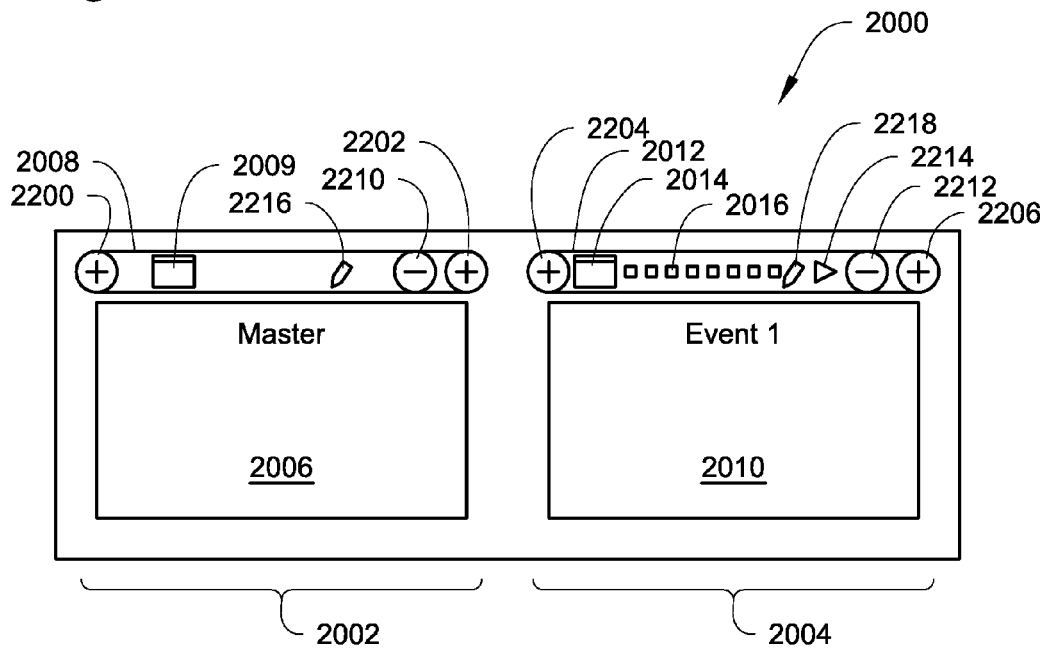


Fig. 13

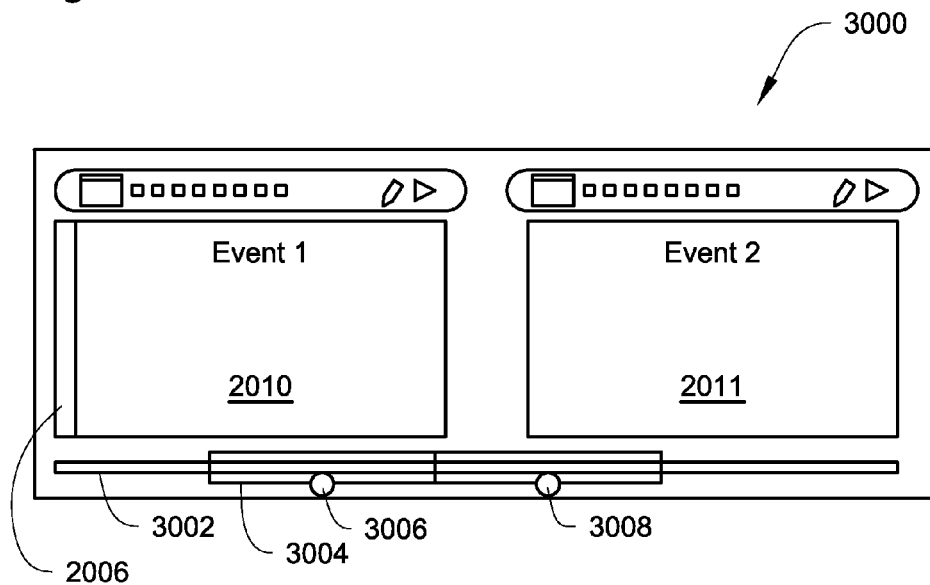


Fig. 14

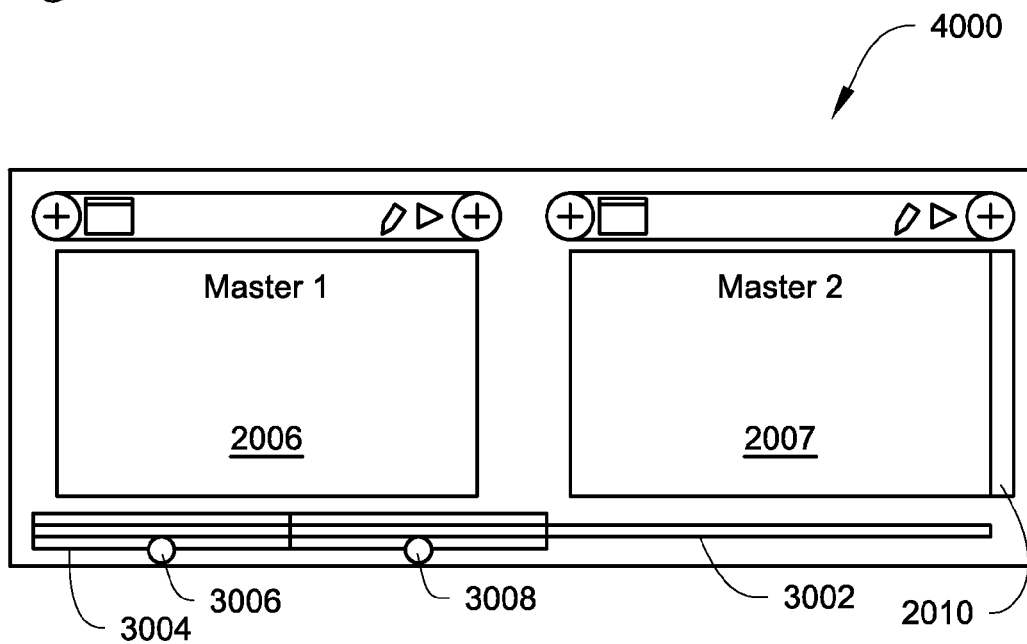


Fig. 15

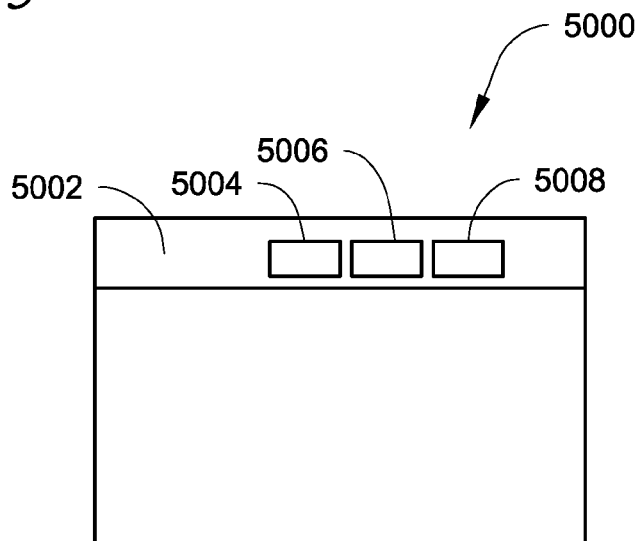


Fig. 16

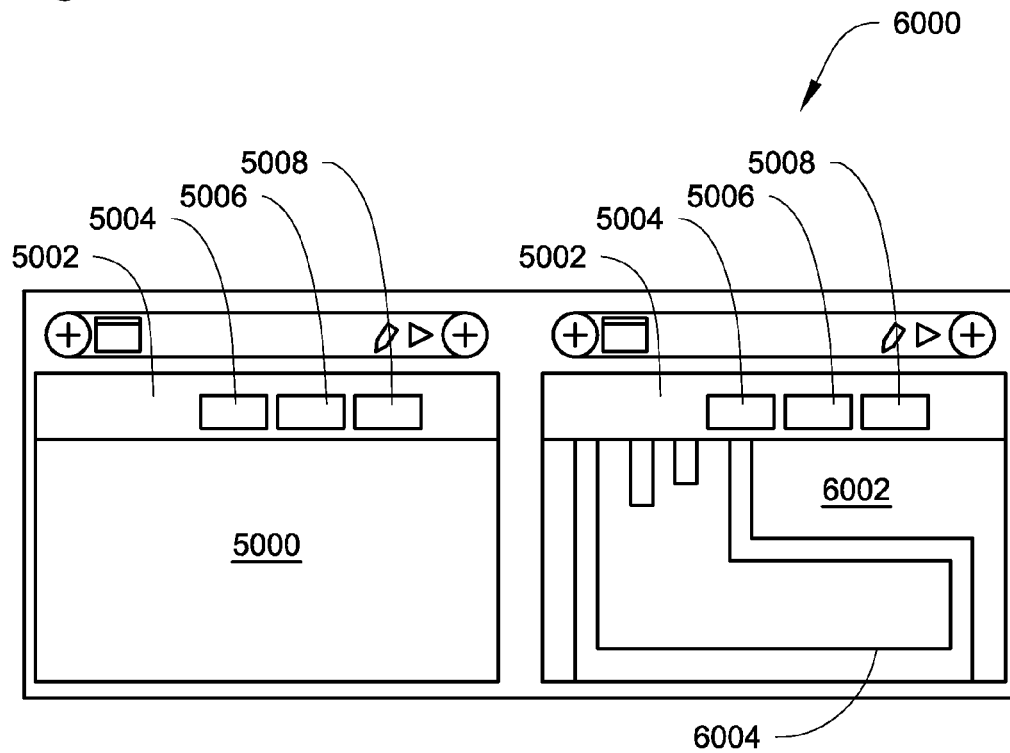


Fig. 17A

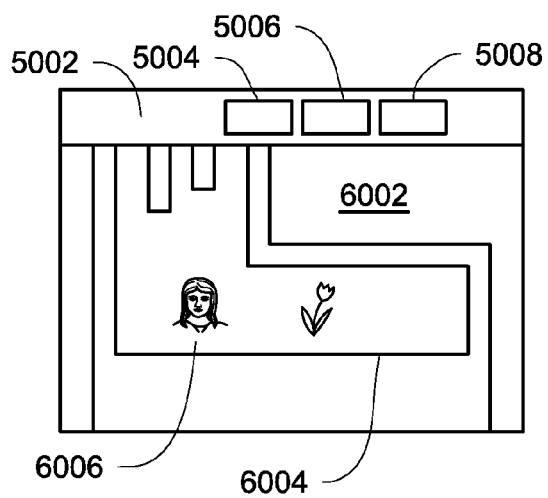


Fig. 17B

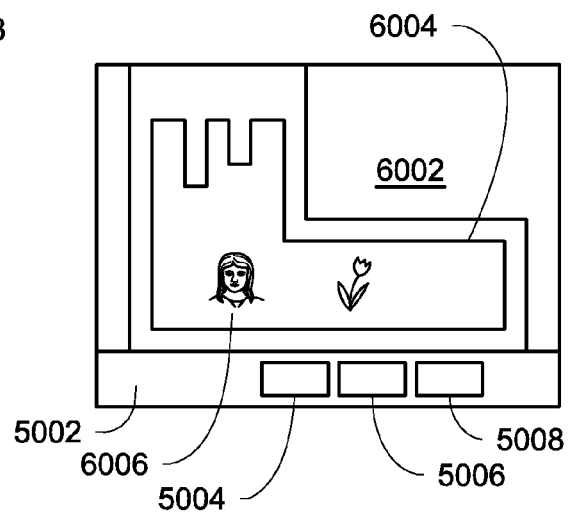
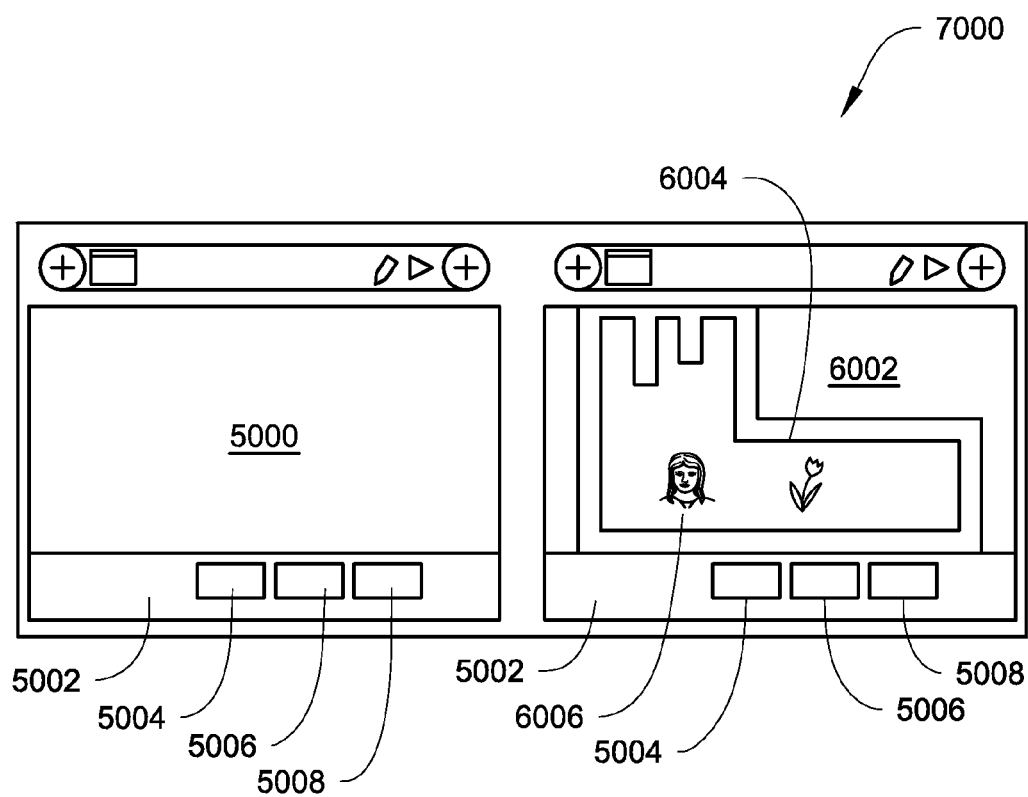


Fig. 18



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EVENT FLOW USER INTERFACE**FIELD**

This description relates generally to methods and devices
for animating graphical objects within a graphical user inter-
face displayed on a display for a computer.

BACKGROUND

A computer user interface that displays an icon represent-
ing a digital file, such that when a user selects the icon, the
computer executes particular software associated with the
digital file is known. Improved computer interfaces that are
more intuitive to the user may be desirable.

BRIEF SUMMARY

Disclosed herein are methods and devices for animating
graphical objects within a graphical user interface displayed
on a display for a computer.

In particular, a user interface for computer devices is pro-
vided that can display multiple virtual or digital files that
allow a user to sort through to select a particular virtual or
digital file for interacting with that virtual or digital file, or a
digital object that is associated with that virtual or digital file.

An “Event Flow” user interface, as described herein,
allows a user to view and browse rapidly through a sequence
or “flow” of pages, files, documents, or interactive events,
herein collectively referred to as “Pages”, by displaying in the
user interface a combination of two Pages simultaneously,
side-by-side, while continuously maintaining the specified
sequence. The “flow” of the Pages is generated by animation
of the Pages or images which are representative of and asso-
ciated with the Pages.

Pages are virtual containers that can hold static and/or
interactive virtual or digital objects such as text, graphics,
photos, audio, video, segments of logic and computer code,
tables, animations, questions, feedback, live streaming video,
live maps, or any combination thereof. Each Page can be
considered a module in a stream of modules, much like pages
of a book.

The devices and methods disclosed herein use a specialized
computer executing computer executable instructions for the
Event Flow user interface. The device executing the Event
Flow user interface generates portions of the user interface,
such as the Pages or the container’s contents, into image files,
e.g. bitmap images, at particular moments in time. The image
files are then displayed on a display connected to the device as
a part of the Event Flow user interface. The image files facili-
tate rapid browsing through the Pages and serve as links to the
Pages’ contents and their associated content editors.

An embodiment of a computer-implemented method com-
prises displaying a graphical user interface on a display of a
computer. The graphical user interface includes a first view
portion and a second view portion; the first view portion
includes a first image associated with a first digital content
page stored in a memory of the computer; and the second
view portion includes a second image associated with a sec-
ond digital content page stored in the memory.

In an embodiment of the computer-implemented method,
the first view portion includes at least one more image, the at
least one more image associated with an additional digital
content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one
more image is displayed stacked behind the first image,
wherein the first image and the at least one more image form
a first stacked images.

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In an embodiment of the computer-implemented method,
the second view portion includes at least one more image, the
at least one more image associated with an additional digital
content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one
more image is displayed stacked behind the second image,
wherein the second image and the at least one more image
form a second stacked images.

In an embodiment of the computer-implemented method,
the graphical user interface further comprises a slide bar; a
first slider associated with the slide bar and for moving along
the slide bar for controlling a first stacked order of the first
stacked images; a second slider associated with the slide bar
and for moving along the slide bar for controlling a second
stacked order of the second stacked images; and a tandem
slider associated with the slide bar and for moving along the
slide bar for controlling both the first stacked order and the
second stacked order together.

The graphical user interface can further comprise of a first
page identifier displaying the first stacked order of a top
image of the first stacked images, wherein the first page
identifier dynamically changes as the first slider is moved
along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along
the slide bar.

The graphical user interface can further comprise of a
second page identifier displaying the second stacked order of
a top image of the second stacked images, wherein the second
page identifier dynamically changes as the second slider is
moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is
moved along the slide bar. The second page identifier and the
first page identifier may be included in the graphical user
interface.

The graphical user interface can further comprise one or
more page creation buttons for adding another image associ-
ated with another page stored in the memory to the first
stacked images.

The graphical user interface can further comprise one or
more page creation buttons for adding another image associ-
ated with another page stored in the memory to the second
stacked images.

The graphical user interface can further comprise one or
more page creation buttons for adding another image associ-
ated with another page stored in the memory to the first
stacked images, and one or more page creation buttons for
adding another image associated with another page stored in
the memory to the second stacked images.

The graphical user interface can further comprise a drag-
and-drop image which can be selected from the first or second
stacked images and dropped into the second or first stacked
images, wherein the displaying of the first and/or second
stacked images change dynamically to display removal of the
selected image by changing the first and/or second stacked
order.

The computer-implemented method can further include
displaying the slider bar only when the number of pages
stored in the memory is more than two.

The computer-implemented method can further include
displaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in
the memory is more than three.

The computer-implemented method can further include
displaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in
the memory is equal to three.

The computer-implemented method can further include
undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored
in the memory is fewer than three. The term undisplaying is
used herein to mean stop displaying, removing from being
displayed, not displaying, never displaying, etc.

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The computer-implemented method can further include undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is two.

The computer-implemented method can further include undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages is fewer than two.

The graphical user interface can include an edit mode activation interactive element, wherein a user's selection of the edit mode activation interactive element changes the graphical user interface's images to editable digital content loaded from the memory.

The graphical user interface can include an edit mode deactivation interactive element, wherein a user's selection of the edit mode deactivation interactive element changes the graphical user interface's editable digital content to digital images.

An embodiment of a specialized computer comprises a memory which has stored therein computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface; a processor in communication with the memory, the processor being configured to load and execute the computer executable instructions of the graphical user interface when the computer executable instructions are read from the memory by the processor; and a display in communication with the processor, the display being configured to display the graphical user interface according to the computer executable instructions executed by the processor, wherein the graphical user interface displayed on the display includes a first view portion and a second view portion, the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer, and the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory.

An embodiment of a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium has stored therein computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface, the non-transitory machine-readable storage medium being connectable to a computer, wherein when the computer executes the computer executable instructions, the graphical user interface is displayed on a display of the computer, the graphical user interface comprises a first view portion and a second view portion; the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer; and the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory.

An embodiment of a graphical user interface includes any of the Event Flow user interface described herein.

An embodiment of computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface includes any of computer-implemented methods for any of the Event Flow user interface described herein.

An embodiment of a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium has stored therein computer executable instructions for any of the Event Flow user interface described herein.

An embodiment of a specialized computer comprises a memory which has stored therein computer executable instructions for any of the Event Flow user interface described herein.

The present invention may be further understood with reference to the following description and the appended drawings, wherein like elements are referred to with the same reference numerals.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows an embodiment of a schematic block diagram of a computer.

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FIGS. 2-6 show different aspects of an embodiment of the user interface as displayed on a display.

FIG. 7A shows a flow diagram for an initializing setup for the Event Flow user interface according to one embodiment.

FIG. 7B shows a flow diagram for the initializing setup for the Event Flow user interface according to one embodiment.

FIG. 8 shows a flow diagram for browsing through Pages for the Event Flow user interface according to an embodiment.

FIG. 9 shows a flow diagram for browsing through the Pages of the stacks separately for the Event Flow user interface according to an embodiment.

FIG. 10 shows a flow diagram for changing the browsing mode to tandem browsing for the Event Flow user interface according to an embodiment.

FIG. 11 shows a flow diagram for changing the sequence of the Pages for the Event Flow user interface according to an embodiment.

FIG. 12 shows an embodiment of the user interface as displayed on a display.

FIG. 13 shows an embodiment of the user interface as displayed on a display.

FIG. 14 shows an embodiment of the user interface as displayed on a display.

FIG. 15 shows an embodiment of a Master Page being edited.

FIG. 16 shows an embodiment of the user interface, showing the Master Page and an Event Page after the Master Page has been edited from FIG. 15.

FIG. 17A shows an embodiment of the Event Page being edited.

FIG. 17B shows the result of the edited Event Page edited from FIG. 17A.

FIG. 18 shows an embodiment of the user interface as displayed on a display.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The features described herein can be implemented in digital electronic circuitry, or in computer hardware, firmware, software, or in combinations of them. The apparatus can be implemented in a computer program product tangibly embodied in an information carrier, e.g., in a machine-readable storage device or in a propagated signal, for execution by a programmable processor; and method steps can be performed by a programmable processor executing a program of instructions to perform functions of the described implementations by operating on input data and generating output. The features can be implemented advantageously in one or more computer programs that are executable on a programmable system including at least one programmable processor coupled to receive data and instructions from, and to transmit data and instructions to, a data storage system, at least one input device, and at least one output device. A computer program is a set of instructions that can be used, directly or indirectly, in a computer to perform a certain activity or bring about a certain result. A computer program can be written in any form of programming language, including compiled or interpreted languages, and it can be deployed in any form, including as a stand-alone program or as a module, component, subroutine, or other unit suitable for use in a computing environment.

Suitable processors for the execution of a program of instructions include, by way of example, both general and special purpose microprocessors, and the sole processor or one of multiple processors of any kind of computer. Generally, a processor will receive instructions and data from a

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read-only memory or a random access memory or both. The essential elements of a computer are a processor for executing instructions and one or more memories for storing instructions and data. Generally, a computer will also include, or be operatively coupled to communicate with, one or more mass storage devices for storing data files; such devices include magnetic disks, such as internal hard disks and removable disks; magneto-optical disks; and optical disks. Storage devices suitable for tangibly embodying computer program instructions and data include all forms of non-volatile memory, including by way of example semiconductor memory devices, such as EPROM, EEPROM, and Flash memory devices; magnetic disks such as internal hard disks and removable disks; magneto-optical disks; and CD-ROM and DVD-ROM disks. The processor and the memory can be supplemented by, or incorporated in, ASICs (application-specific integrated circuits).

To provide for interaction with a user, the features described herein can be implemented on a computer having a display or a display device (such as, for example, a CRT (cathode ray tube) monitor, a LCD (liquid crystal display) monitor, a Plasma monitor, an OLED (organic light-emitting diode) monitor, etc.) for displaying information to the user and an input device (such as, for example, a keyboard; a pointing device such as a mouse or a trackball; a touch screen; a finger-gesture device; etc.) by which the user can provide input to the computer.

The features can be implemented in a computer system that includes a back-end component, such as a data server, or that includes a middleware component, such as an application server or an Internet server, or that includes a front-end component, such as a client computer having a graphical user interface or an Internet browser, or any combination of them. The components of the system can be connected by any form or medium of digital data communication such as a communication network. Examples of communication networks include a local area network ("LAN"), a wide area network ("WAN"), peer-to-peer networks (having ad-hoc or static members), grid computing infrastructures, and the Internet.

The computer system can include clients and servers. A client and server are generally remote from each other and typically interact through a network. The relationship of client and server arises by virtue of computer programs running on the respective computers and having a client-server relationship to each other.

The embodiments described herein provide methods and devices for animating graphical objects within a graphical user interface displayed on a display for a computer.

In particular, an Event Flow user interface for computer devices is provided that can display multiple virtual or digital files that allow a user to sort through to select a particular virtual or digital file for interacting with that virtual or digital file, or a digital object that is associated with that virtual or digital file.

The Event Flow user interface can include one or more Pages represented as one or more images in a sequential order. Each one of the one or more images is associated with at least one of the one or more Pages. The Event Flow user interface also includes a first view portion and a second view portion displayed side by side, the first view portion showing a first displayed image associated with a first Page, and the second view portion showing a second displayed image associated with a second Page.

Both of the first view portion and the second view portion can display a stack of images. Each of the one or more images is associated with a Page, and the stacking order of the one or more images in the stack provides a visual representation of

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the sequential order of the one or more Pages. The Event Flow user interface can display an animation of the images moving along the sequential order of the stacking order that represents the sequential order of the one or more Pages by generating the "flow" animation of the one or more images and the stack of the one or more images. For example, the "flow" animation can be a left-right sequence like pages of a book.

The Event Flow user interface can also include a slide bar (also called scroll bar) displayed below the first view portion and the second view portion. The slide bar includes a first slider for controlling which of the one or more images is displayed in the first view portion. Sliding the first slider along the slide bar sequentially changes a first displayed image according to the sequential order in the first view portion. The slide bar can also include a second slider for controlling which of the images is displayed in the second view portion. Sliding the second slider along the slide bar sequentially changes a second displayed image according to the sequential order in the second view portion. The slide bar user interface can also include a tandem slider for controlling which of the two images are displayed in the first view portion and the second view portion, respectively. Sliding the tandem slider along the slide bar sequentially change the two images displayed in the first view portion and the second view portion, respectively, according to the sequential order of the one or more images.

FIG. 1 shows a schematic block diagram of a specialized computer 100, comprising a memory 102 which has stored therein computer executable instructions 104 for the Event Flow user interface 112. The computer 100 includes a processor 106 in communication with the memory 102. The processor 106 is configured to load and execute the computer executable instructions 104 of the Event Flow user interface 112 when the computer executable instructions 104 are read from the memory 102 by the processor 106. The computer 100 further includes a display 110 in communication with the processor 106. The display 110 is configured to display the Event Flow user interface 112 according to the computer executable instructions 104 executed by the processor 106.

FIGS. 2-6 show examples of the Event Flow user interface 112 displayed on a display connected to a processor. Different aspects of the Event Flow user interfaces 112 are shown throughout the drawings with like reference characters representing like parts.

FIG. 2 shows the Event Flow user interface 112 which includes two view portions 202, 204. The two view portions 202, 204 include a first view portion 202 and a second view portion 204. The first view portion 202 is displayed on one side of the user interface 112. The first view portion 202 displays at least one image associated with a particular Page. When a new project is opened, the at least one image is a blank image representing a blank first Page. FIG. 2 shows a first image 206 being displayed in the first view portion 202. In the first view portion 202 of the user interface 112, other Pages that sequentially precede the particular Page associated with the first image 206 can also be displayed as stacked images 210a behind the first image 206 (as shown in FIG. 3A).

The second view portion 204 is displayed next to the first view portion 202, such that the first view portion 202 and the second view portion 204 are side-by-side. The second view portion 204 of the user interface 112 displays at least one image associated with a particular Page. When a new project is opened, the at least one image is a blank image representing a blank second Page. FIG. 2 shows a second image 208 being displayed in the second view portion 204. In the second view portion 204 of the user interface 112, other Pages that sequen-

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tially follow the particular Page associated with the second image 208 are also displayed as stacked images 210b behind the second image 208.

FIGS. 3A and 3B show further examples of the Event Flow user interface 112. FIG. 3A shows the Event Flow user interface 112 including the first view portion 202, which has a first stack 212 of images, including the second image 208 as the top image in the first stack 212. The first image 206 is shown as an image stacked behind the second image 208 in the first stack 212 of the first view portion 202. Other images are shown as stacked images 210a behind the second image 208 in the first stack 212.

FIG. 3A also shows the second view portion 204, which has a second stack 214 of images, including a third image 216 as the top image in the second stack 214. Other images are shown as stacked images 210b behind the third image 216 in the second stack 214.

FIG. 3A further shows a multipart slide controller 250 displayed below the two view portions 202, 204 including the first and second stacks 212, 214. The multipart slide controller 250 allows rapid paging (e.g., changing the images shown in the stacks according to the sequential order of the images) in the first and second stacks 212, 214. The paging generates an animation being displayed in the Event Flow user interface 112 generating an effect much like browsing through a book and viewing facing pages of the book.

FIG. 3B shows an enlarged portion of the multipart slide controller 250 shown in FIG. 3A. The multipart slide controller 250 includes a horizontal slide bar 300, a first slider 302, a second slider 304, and a tandem slider 306. The multipart slide controller 250 allows the first and second stacks 212, 214 to be browsed individually or in tandem. The slide bar 300 includes equally spaced divisions 307, with each division 307 accounting for a particular image in the sequence. Each of the first and second sliders 302, 304 are sized to fit in one of the divisions 307.

The first slider 302 includes a first Page identifier 308 that displays the sequence order of the particular image displayed on top of the first stack 212. When the first slider 302 is moved along the slide bar 300, the first Page identifier 308 changes to be in accordance with the particular image shown on top of the first stack 212. Similarly, the second slider 304 includes a second Page identifier 310 that displays the sequence order of the particular image displayed on top of the second stack 214. When the second slider 304 is moved along the slide bar 300, the second Page identifier 310 changes to be in accordance with the particular image shown on top of the second stack 214. When the tandem slider 306 is moved along the slide bar 300, both of the first and second Page identifiers 308, 310 change to be in accordance with the particular images shown on top of the first and second stacks 212, 214.

The multipart slide controller 250 in the embodiment shown in FIGS. 2-6 functions in the following manner. If the tandem slider 306 is moved to the left, then all of the sliders 302, 304, 306 slide together along the slide bar 300, generating an animation of the image on the top of the first stack 212 moving to the top of the second stack 214. If the tandem slider 306 is moved to the right, then all of the sliders 302, 304, 306 slide together along the slide bar 300, generating an animation of the image on the top of the second stack 214 moving to the top of the first stack 212.

If the first slider 302 is moved to the left, then the tandem slider 306 is no longer displayed, and an image on the top of the first stack 212 is removed to reveal the image that precedes the removed image in accordance with the sequence of the images. As the first slider 302 is moved continuously to the left side of the slide bar 300, the image shown on the top of the

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first stack 212 approaches an image associated with the first Page in the sequence. If the first slider 302 is moved to the right, then all of the sliders 302, 304, 306 slide together to the right along the slide bar 300, and the image on the top of the second stack 214 is animated to move to the top of the first stack 212.

If the second slider 304 is moved to the left, then all of the sliders 302, 304, 306 slide together to the left along the slide bar 300, and the image on the top of the first stack 212 is animated to move to the top of first stack 214. If the second slider 304 is moved to the right, then the tandem slider 306 is no longer displayed, and the image on the top of the second stack 214 is removed to reveal the image next in order after the removed image in accordance with the sequence of the images. As the second slider 304 is moved continuously to the right side of the slide bar 300, the image shown on the top of the second stack 214 approaches an image associated with the last Page in the sequence. If the second slider 304 is moved to the left, then all of the sliders 302, 304, 306 slide together to the left along the slide bar 300, and the image on the top of the first stack 212 is animated to move to the top of the second stack 214.

Both of the images at the respective tops of the first and second stacks 212, 214 animate to move from one stack 214 to another 212, or vice versa, when the tandem slider 306 is moved horizontally along the slide bar 300. Both of the Page identifiers 308, 310 change to match with the image shown on the respective tops of the first and second stacks 212, 214, as the images shown on the respective tops of the first and second stacks 212, 214 are changed.

FIG. 4 shows an example Event Flow user interface 112 similar to FIG. 3. The first view portion 202 includes the first stack 212 with the second image 208 as the image on the top of the first stack 212. A portion of the first image 206 is shown as part of the stacked image 210a behind the second image 208 in the first stack 212. The second view portion 204 includes the second stack 214 with a sixth image 400 as the image on the top of the second stack 214 of images. FIG. 4 also shows the multipart slide controller 402 displayed below the first and second stacks 212, 214 for changing one or more of the images shown in one or both of the stacks 212, 214, separately and independently, according to the sequential order of the Pages or the images, in the first and second stacks 212, 214.

The images in the first stack 212 animate and the images in the second stack 214 do not animate when the first slider 302 is moved horizontally along the slide bar 300. The first slider 302 includes the Page identifier 308 which shows a Page number representing the position of the shown image (or Page) in the sequential order of the images (or Pages). The Page identifier 308 changes to match with the image shown on the top of the first stack 212, as the image shown on the top of the first stack 212 is changed.

The images in the second stack 214 animate and the images in the first stack 212 do not animate when the second slider 304 is moved horizontally along the slide bar 300. The second slider 304 includes the Page identifier 310 which shows a Page number representing the position of the shown image (or Page) in the sequential order of the images (or Pages). The Page identifier 310 changes to match with the image shown on the top of the second stack 214, as the image shown on the top of the second stack 214 is changed.

By using the first and second sliders 302, 304 independently, any two images can be displayed side by side in the Event Flow user interface 112. Further, any image which appears on the first stack 212 precedes the image which appears on the second stack 214 in the overall sequence of the

images. Thus, the sequence of the images can be kept intact throughout all browsing and viewing manipulations that can occur using the multipart slide controller **402**. The slide bar **300** includes equally spaced divisions **307**, with each of the divisions **307** for a particular Page in the sequence of Pages. Each of the sliders **302**, **304** are sized to fit in one of the divisions **307**.

A tandem slider, such as the tandem slider **306** shown in FIGS. **3A** and **3B**, is not displayed as a part of the multipart slide controller **402** in the Event Flow user interface **212** shown in FIG. **4**. The tandem slider “appears,” or is displayed, in the Event Flow user interface **212** when the first slider **302** and the second slider **304** are placed in adjacent divisions **307**. When the tandem slider is displayed in the user interface **212**, the multipart slide controller **402** can be used for changing the images shown in the stacks **212**, **214** together according to the sequential order of the Pages or images using the tandem slider. Accordingly, images in both of the stacks **212**, **214** can be animated and sequenced through using the tandem slider.

FIG. **5** shows add Page buttons **500**, **502**, **504**, **506** displayed in the Event Flow user interface **112**. Clicking the add Page button **500** creates a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately prior to the image shown on top of the first stack **212**. Accordingly, in the example shown in FIG. **5**, clicking the add Page button **500** adds a blank image associated with a blank Page between the Page associated with the first image **206** and the Page associated with the second image **208**.

Clicking the add Page button **502** creates a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately after the image shown on top of the first stack **212**. Accordingly, in the example shown in FIG. **5**, clicking the add Page button **502** adds a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately after the second image **208**.

Clicking the add Page button **504** creates a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately prior to the image shown on top of the second stack **214**. Accordingly, in the example shown in FIG. **5**, clicking the add Page button **504** adds a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately prior to the Page associated with the sixth image **400**. The sixth image **400** is the sixth in the overall sequence of Pages, which includes both first and second stacks **212**, **214**, and the position of the sixth image **400** in the overall sequence is displayed by the position of the second slider **304** on the slide bar **300**. The position of the sixth image **400** is also displayed in the second Page identifier **310**.

Clicking the add Page button **506** creates a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately after the image shown on top of the first stack **212**. Accordingly, in the example shown in FIG. **5**, clicking the add Page button **506** adds a blank image associated with a blank Page immediately after the Page associated with the sixth image **400**, e.g. the added image is between the sixth image **400** and the image **402** behind it in the second stack **214**. FIG. **5** shows the multipart slide controller **402** similar to the one shown in FIG. **4** with similar components thereof.

FIG. **6** shows an example of the Event Flow user interface **112** wherein the second image **208** from one of the first or second stacks **212**, **214** is selected, dragged out and away from the stack **212**, **214**, and dropped on to the multipart slide controller **402** for moving the selected Page associated with the second image **208** to a different location in the sequence of Pages. When the second image **208** is selected and dragged, an image **600** representing the selected Page is generated for being dragged by the user within the Event Flow user interface **112**. The images of the first and second stacks **212**, **214** are changed and animated to visually indicate that the

selected second image **208** has been “removed” from the sequential order of the Pages while the user is dragging the image **600**.

While the image **600** of the selected Page associated with the second image **208** is being dragged, the first and second sliders **302**, **304** automatically move along the slide bar **300** from either side to a closest insertion point **602** in the sequence of the Pages. This visually displays both the Page associated with the fourth image **604** that would proceed and the Page associated with the sixth image **400** that would follow the selected second image **208** if the selected second image **208** is inserted at the particular insertion point **602** in the sequence.

When the user drops the image **600** of the selected Page associated with the second image **208** onto the multipart slide controller **402**, the dragged image **600** is no longer displayed, but another Page is generated in one of the stacks at a place associated with the insertion point **602** in the sequence of Pages.

The Event Flow user interface **112** allows any Page to be edited or played instantly by clicking one or more icons or shift-clicking the particular Page displayed in the user interface **112**. This can allow for instant functional testing of the selected Page without necessarily having to start from the beginning of an entire sequence of Pages. The rapid scrolling through the Pages of the Event Flow interface **112** can be achieved by automatically converting each of the images of live Pages to a bitmap format file, or other image file format. When the user indicates the intention to edit or play a particular Page, live, functional objects can quickly replace the bitmap image. When the user switches back to Event Flow browsing, the process is reversed and an updated bitmap image can be generated and stored to memory.

For example, the Event Flow user interface **112** can display at least two Pages, side-by-side. When the two Pages displayed via the Event Flow user interface **112** are image files of the actual Pages, a user can select to activate an editing mode of the Event Flow user interface **112** via, for example, a user gesture on a touchscreen, a command key on a keyboard or keypad, clicking an icon, or a combination thereof, etc. When the editing mode of the Event Flow user interface **112** is activated, then the image files are replaced by the digital content (e.g., digital assets) of the two Pages in the Event Flow user interface **112**, which allows the user to interact with, edit, modify, create, delete, etc. with the two Pages at the same time. In the editing mode, the user can create logic connecting between the digital content within each Page and/or across the two Pages. The two Pages may include any combination of a Master Page and/or an Event Page. The user can select to deactivate the editing mode of the Event Flow user interface **112** via, for example, a user gesture on a touchscreen, a command key on a keyboard or keypad, clicking an icon, or a combination thereof, etc.

FIG. **7A** shows a flow chart of a process **700** for starting a project using an Event Flow user interface, such as the Event Flow user interface **212** described above. A computer executing the computer instructions waits for a user to initiate the start of the process **700** (**702**). Once started, the computer waits for the user to select open a project (**704**). Once the user has selected to open the project (**704**), the computer determines whether the project is new or not (**706**). If the opened project is a new project, then two blank Pages are generated (**708**). Alternatively, if the opened project is not a new project, then image files of existing Pages are retrieved from a memory (**710**). Next, a sequence of the images representing the Pages of the project are split into two image stacks, with a first image anchored at a bottom of the first stack and a last

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image anchored at the bottom of the second stack (712). Thus, the “first anchor” is the image associated with the first Page in the sequence of Pages of the project, and the “second anchor” is the image associated with the last Page in the sequence of Pages of the project. Next, intermediate images are stacked (714). If the project selected is not a new project, the Pages can be positioned as positioned during a previous session by the user. Next, a slide bar is generated (716). The slide bar includes equally spaced divisions, one division for each Page in the sequence. Next, two separate sliders are generated and displayed on the slide bar (718). Then the computer determines whether the two sliders are adjacent to each other (720). If the two sliders are adjacent to each other, a tandem slider is generated and displayed on the slide bar (722). Then the process 700 is done (724).

FIG. 7B shows a flow chart of another embodiment of a process 730 for starting a project using an Event Flow user interface, similar to the process 700 described above. A computer executing the computer instructions waits for a user to initiate the start of the process 730 (702). Once started, the computer waits for the user to select open a project (704). Once the user has selected to open the project (704), the computer determines whether the project is new or not (706). If the opened project is a new project, then the user is prompted by the process 730 to select whether a blank project is to be opened or whether a template for the new project is to be opened (732). If the user selects to open the blank project, then two blank Pages are generated and displayed (734). If the user selects to open the template, then the user is prompted to select which template file is to be opened (736). The process 730 causes the Event Flow user interface to wait for the user to make the template file selection, and upon detection of the user's selection of the template file, the selected template pages are generated based upon the selected template file (738).

Alternatively, if the opened project is not a new project, then image files of existing Pages are retrieved from a memory (710). Next, a sequence of the images representing the Pages of the project are split into two image stacks, with a first image anchored at a bottom of the first stack and a last image anchored at the bottom of the second stack (712). Thus, the “first anchor” is the image associated with the first Page in the sequence of Pages of the project, and the “second anchor” is the image associated with the last Page in the sequence of Pages of the project. Next, intermediate images are stacked (714). If the project selected is not a new project, the Pages can be positioned as positioned during a previous session by the user.

A slide bar is not generated if the number of Pages displayed is two or fewer (contrary to step 716 of the process 700 of FIG. 7A) (740).

When the user interacts with the Even Flow user interface to create a total of three or more Pages, i.e., one master page and two event pages or two master pages and one event page, etc., the slide bar and slide bars are generated and displayed (742).

The slide bar includes equally spaced divisions, one division for each Page in the sequence. Next, two separate sliders are generated and displayed on the slide bar (718). Then the computer determines whether the two sliders are adjacent to each other (720). If the two sliders are adjacent to each other, a tandem slider is generated and displayed on the slide bar (722). Then the process 730 is completed (724).

FIG. 8 shows an example flow chart for a browsing process 800 for Page browsing in an Event Flow user interface, such as the Event Flow user interface 212 described above, when three sliders (a first slider, a second slider, and a tandem

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slider) are already displayed within the Event Flow user interface. The project has already been opened according to, for example, the process 700 shown in FIG. 7A or the process 730 shown in FIG. 7B. The computer starts the browsing process 800 and waits for the user to move one of the three sliders (802).

If the computer determines that the tandem slider is being moved to the left (804), then all three sliders are moved together to the left along the slide bar (806), and an image on the top of the first stack is animated to move to the top of the second stack (808).

If the computer determines that the tandem slider is being moved to the right (810), then all three sliders are moved together to the right along the slide bar (812), and an image on the top of the second stack is animated to move to the top of the first stack (814).

If the computer determines that the first slider is being moved to the left (816), then the tandem slider is no longer displayed (818), and an image on the top of the first stack is removed to reveal an image preceding the removed image according to the order in sequence approaching the first anchor (820).

If the computer determines that the first slider is being moved to the right (822), then all three sliders are moved together to the right along the slide bar (824), and an image on the top of the second stack is animated to move to the top of the first stack (826).

If the computer determines that the second slider is being moved to the left (828), then all three sliders are moved together to the left along the slide bar (830), and an image on the top of the first stack is animated to move to the top of the second stack (832).

If the computer determines that the second slider is being moved to the right (834), then the tandem slider is no longer displayed (836), and an image on the top of the second stack is removed to reveal an image following the removed image according to the order in sequence approaching the second anchor (838).

The browsing process 800 continues until the computer receives an instruction to end the browsing process 800 (840).

FIG. 9 shows an example flow chart for a browsing process 900 for Page browsing in an Event Flow user interface, such as the Event Flow user interface 212 described above, when a tandem slider is not displayed. The tandem slider is not displayed in the Event Flow user interface when at least one Page separates the two Pages being displayed as first and second images on the respective tops of the first and second stacks. In another example, the tandem slider is not displayed when the first slider and the second slider are not adjacent to each other, e.g. there is at least one empty division between the first and second sliders.

The browsing process 900 begins after a project has already been opened according to, for example, the process 700 shown in FIG. 7A or the process 730 shown in FIG. 7B. Two sliders (a first slider and a second slider) are already displayed within the Event Flow user interface. The computer initiates the browsing process 900 when the tandem slider is not being displayed. The computer starts the browsing process 900 and waits for the user to move one of the two sliders (902).

If the computer determines that the first slider is being moved to the left (904), then the second slider is not moved from its current position (906). The image on the top of the first stack is removed from the first stack according to a sequence approaching the first anchor (908).

If the computer determines that the first slider is being moved to the right (910), then the second slider is not moved

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from its current position (912). Then an image associated with a hidden Page is revealed and displayed at the top of the first stack, approaching an image on the top of the second stack (914).

If the computer determines that the second slider is being moved to the left (916), then the first slider is not moved from its current position (918). Then an image associated with a hidden Page is revealed and displayed at the top of the second stack, approaching an image on the top of the first stack (920).

If the computer determines that the second slider is being moved to the right (922), then the first slider is not moved from its current position (924). The image on the top of the second stack is removed from the second stack according to a sequence approaching the second anchor (926).

The browsing process 900 continues until the computer receives an instruction to end the browsing process 900 (928).

FIG. 10 shows a flow chart for a transition process 1000 for changing to a tandem browsing process from an independent browsing process using an Event Flow user interface, such as the Event Flow user interface 212 described above. The transition process 1000 begins after a project has already been opened according to, for example, the process 700 shown in FIG. 7A or the process 730 shown in FIG. 7B. Two sliders (a first slider and a second slider) are already displayed within the Event Flow user interface. The computer has initiated a browsing process 900 and the tandem slider is not being displayed. The computer waits for the user to move one of the two sliders.

The computer waits until the first and second sliders are immediately adjacent to each other (1002) and generates and displays the tandem slider on the slide bar (1004). The computer can determine whether the user has moved one of the first or second sliders along the slide bar in such a way that the first and second sliders have “collided.” In other words, the computer can determine whether there are no hidden Pages between the Pages associated with the positions of the first and second sliders.

The computer can determine whether the first slider is being moved to the right (1006). If the computer determines that the first slider is being moved to the right (1006), then the three sliders (the first slider, the second slider, and the tandem slider) are moved together as a group to the right along the slide bar (1008). An image at the top of the second stack is animated to move to the top of the first stack (1010).

The computer can determine whether the second slider is being moved to the left (1012). If the computer determines that the second slider is being moved to the left (1012), then the three sliders (the first slider, the second slider, and the tandem slider) are moved together as a group to the left along the slide bar (1014). An image at the top of the first stack is animated to move to the top of the second stack (1016).

The transition process 1000 continues until the computer receives an instruction to end the transition process 1000 (1018).

FIG. 11 shows a flow chart for a resequencing process 1100 for changing the sequence of Pages in a project using an Event Flow user interface, such as the Event Flow user interface 212 described above. The resequencing process 1100 begins after a project has already been opened according to, for example, the process 700 shown in FIG. 7A or the process 730 shown in FIG. 7B. Two sliders (a first slider and a second slider) are already displayed within the Event Flow user interface. When the computer receives an instruction to initiate the process 1100, the tandem slider is displayed if it had not already been displayed. The computer waits for the user to select an image

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from one of first or second stacks and drag and drop the selected image onto a particular insertion point on the slide bar.

The computer determines that the user has selected the image from one of the first or second stacks and the image is being dragged along the Event Flow user interface (1102). The computer generates or retrieves from memory an image representing the selected Page for being dragged by generating a thumbnail image of the selected Page (1104). If the thumbnail image is generated, the thumbnail image is stored to memory. The computer then displays the thumbnail image within the Event Flow user interface. For example, the thumbnail image can be dragged by the user using a mouse & cursor combination.

The computer then determines whether the thumbnail image being dragged is near or in proximity of the slide bar (1106). If the computer determines that the thumbnail image being dragged is indeed near the slide bar (1108), then the first and the second sliders are animated to move along the slide bar towards a general position of the thumbnail image being dragged, which is also identified to be an insertion point (1110) and the tandem slider appears. Then, the computer animates the first and the second stacks so that that the image on the top of the first stack and the image on the top of the second stack flank the insertion point (1112).

Then, the computer determines whether the thumbnail image being dragged is dropped near the slide bar (1116). If the computer determines that the thumbnail image being dragged is dropped near the slide bar (1118), then the sequence of Pages is changed to reflect a new sequence of Pages (1120). The new sequence of Pages is in accordance with the thumbnail image that is associated with a particular Page being moved and inserted between the images that flank the insertion point. In other words, by moving the thumbnail image from one location in one of the stacks to a particular insertion point on the slide bar, the sequence of Pages has changed to the new sequence of Pages.

Then the images and the first and second stacks are changed to display the inserted image on the top of one of the stacks in accordance with the new sequence of Pages (1122).

If the thumbnail image being dragged is dropped but not near the slide bar (1124), then the thumbnail image and the insertion marker are no longer displayed (1126).

The computer continues the above process 1100 until the process 1100 for changing the sequencing of the Pages ends (1128).

FIG. 12 shows an Event Flow user interface 2000 that can use one or more Master Pages and one or more Event Pages. A Master Page is a type of Page that can be assigned to one or more of the Event Pages. When a Master Page is assigned to an Event Page, the contents of the Master Page are included in the Event Page. A project displayed in the Event Flow user interface 2000 can have one or more Master Pages. Images associated with the one or more Master Pages can be displayed as stacks of images, similar to the stacks of images described above. Also, a project displayed in the Event Flow user interface 2000 can have one or more Event Pages. Images associated with the one or more Event Pages can also be displayed as stacks of images, similar to the stacks of images described above.

The Event Flow user interface 2000 includes a first view portion 2002 and a second view portion 2004. The first view portion 2002 is provided on one side of the user interface 2000 and can display an image associated with a Master Page or an Event Page. For example, as shown in FIG. 12, the first view portion 2002 includes a first image 2006 associated with a Master Page.

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The second view portion **2004** is provided on another side of the user interface **2000** and is side-by-side with the first view portion **2002**. The second view portion **2004** can display an image associated with a Master Page or an Event Page. For example, as shown in FIG. 12, the second view portion **2004**

When an image associated with a Master Page is shown in the first view portion **2002** or the second view portion **2004**, a Master Page title bar **2008** is included in the respective view portion **2002**, **2004**. For example, since the first image **2006** is associated with a Master Page, the first view portion **2002**

The Master Page title bar **2008** indicates whether the Master Page shown in the respective view portion **2002**, **2004** is identified as a "Background Master" or identified as a "Foreground Master". For example, the Master Page title bar **2008** indicates that the Master Page associated with the first image **2006** is identified as a "Background Master".

The "Background Master" identification indicates that the contents of a particular Master Page can be included in the background of any Event Page that is selected to be assigned with the particular Master Page. The "Foreground Master" identification indicates that the contents of the particular Master Page can be included in the foreground of any Event Page that is selected to be assigned with the particular Master Page.

The Master Page title bar **2008** also includes a Master Page position icon **2009**. The Master Page position icon **2009** allows a user to select whether the Master Page is a "Background Master" or a "Foreground Master".

When an image associated with an Event Page is shown in the first view portion **2002** or the second view portion **2004**, an Event Page title bar **2012** is included in the respective view portion **2002**, **2004**. For example, since the second image **2010** is associated with an Event Page, the second view portion **2004** includes the Event Page title bar **2012**.

The Event Page title bar **2012** includes one or more Master Page Icons **2014**, **2016**. The sequential order of the Master Page Icons **2014**, **2016** visually represents the number of Master Pages created in the particular project and the sequential location of each of the Master Pages within the Pages of the project. Each of the Master Page Icons **2014**, **2016** provides a visual indicator (e.g., a filled rectangle or an unfilled rectangle) that shows whether a particular Master Page is assigned to the Event Page shown in the respective view portion **2002**, **2004**. For example, the Master Page Icon **2014** indicates that the first Master Page associated with the first image **2006** is assigned to the Event Page associated with the second image **2010**. In contrast, the Master Page Icon **2016** indicates that the other Master Page in the project is not assigned to the Event Page associated with the second image **2010**.

A user can select whether a particular Master Page of the project is to be assigned to a particular Event Page by selecting or deselecting the Master Page Icon **2014**, **2016** associated with the particular Master Page. The user's selection with each of the Master Page Icons **2014**, **2016** is detected by the Event Flow user interface **2000** for assigning or unassigning a particular Master Page to the Event Page. Each Event Page can be assigned with one or more Master Pages. Optionally, in some embodiments, a Master Page can be assigned to another Master Page.

The Event Flow user interface **2000** provides a way for a user to assign a Master Page, with all of the contents in the Master Page, to one or more Event Pages. For example, the second image **2010** can be updated as one or more of the Master Page Icons **2014**, **2016** are selected or unselected by a

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user. Selection can be detected by detecting a rolling over of the Master Page Icons **2014**, **2016** by a cursor controlled by the user. When rolling over a particular Master Page Icon **2014**, **2016**, the rolling over can be detected by the user interface **2000** and the second image **2010** is updated to display the contents of the Master Page associated with that particular Master Page Icon **2014**, **2016**. At this time, the displayed image is merely a visual indicator of what the contents of the Event Page would look like if the Master Page assignment is made. There has not been an assignment made between the Event Page and the Master Page during the rolling over of the Master Page Icon **2014**, **2016**. When the selected Master Page Icon **2014**, **2016** is selected, for example, by clicking an input button of a mouse device, the assignment of the selected Master Page to the Event Page associated with the second image **2010** is made and that assignment is saved to memory.

The Master Page and Event Page title bars **2008**, **2012** of the Event Flow user interface **2000** also include Page buttons **2200**, **2202**, **2204**, **2206** which are similar in function to the respective add Page buttons **500**, **502**, **504**, **506** of FIG. 5 described above.

The Master Page and Event Page title bars **2008**, **2012** of the Event Flow user interface **2000** also include delete Page buttons **2210**, **2212** which allow a user to delete the Page provided in the respective first and second view portions **2002**, **2004**. For example, when a user selects the delete Page button **2210**, the Page associated with the first image **2006** is removed. Also, the first image **2006** is removed from the first stack shown in the first view portion **2002**. When a user selects the delete Page button **2212**, the Page associated with the second image **2010** is deleted. Also, the second image **2010** is removed from the second stack shown in the second view portion **2004**.

The Event Page title bar **2012** also includes a run mode button **2214**, which switches the Event Flow user interface **200** to a run mode for the particular Event Page.

Also, the Master Page and Event Page title bars **2008**, **2012** each include an edit mode button **2216**, **2218**, which switches the Event Flow user interface **2000** to an edit mode for the particular Page.

When in edit mode for a Master Page, the contents of the Master Page are editable. When in edit mode for an Event Page, the contents of the Event Page are editable, and the contents of the Master Page assigned to the Event Page are shown, either as background or foreground content, as indicated by the identification on the Master Page title bar of the assigned Master Page. The contents of the Master Page included in the Event Page are protected when the Event Page is in edit mode. In one embodiment, a user can switch from an edit mode of the Event Page to an edit mode of a Master Page, for example, by double clicking content of the Master Page included in the Event Page from the edit mode of the Event Page.

Examples of a run mode and an edit mode are described, for example, in PCT Application No. PCT/US2011/038943 filed on Jun. 2, 2011, titled "DEVICE HAVING GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACES AND METHOD FOR DEVELOPING MULTIMEDIA COMPUTER APPLICATIONS."

According to the process **730** shown in FIG. 7B, the horizontal slide bar and scrolling sliders are not displayed when the Event Flow user interface **2000** displays only two Pages.

FIG. 13 shows an example of the Event Flow user interface **3000** that is similar to the example Event Flow user interface **2000**. The Event Flow user interface **3000** displays more than two Pages. That is, the Event Flow user interface **3000** shows one Master Page **2006** and two Event Pages **2010**, **2011**. The

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Event Flow user interface **3000** is not limited to only the one Master Page **2006** and two Event Pages **2010**, **2011**. Accordingly, the Event Flow user interface **3000** can have more than the one Master Page **2006** and/or two Event Pages **2010**, **2011**. The Event Flow user interface **3000** displays three or more Pages. Accordingly, according to the process **730** shown in FIG. 7B, a horizontal slide bar **3002** and sliders **3004**, **3006**, **3008** are displayed. The horizontal slide bar **3002** is similar to the horizontal slide bar **300** shown in FIG. 3A. The slider **3004** is similar to the slider **302** shown in FIG. 3A. The slider **3006** is similar to the slider **308** shown in FIG. 3A. The slider **3008** is similar to the slider **310** shown in FIG. 3A.

FIG. 14 shows an example of the Event Flow user interface **3000** that is similar to the example Event Flow user interface **2000** and/or the Event Flow user interface **3000**. The Event Flow user interface **4000** displays more than two Pages. That is, the Event Flow user interface **4000** shows two Master Pages **2006**, **2007** and one Event Page **2010**. The Event Flow user interface **4000** is not limited to only the two Master Pages **2006**, **2007** and one Event Page **2010**. Accordingly, the Event Flow user interface **4000** can have more than the two Master Pages **2006**, **2007** and/or one Event Page **2010**. The Event Flow user interface **4000** displays three or more Pages. Accordingly, according to the process **730** shown in FIG. 7B, the horizontal slide bar **3002** and sliders **3004**, **3006**, **3008** are displayed.

FIGS. 15-18 show an example of editing a Master Page from within an Event Page. FIG. 15 shows an example of the Master Page **5000** being edited after a Master Page (**2006** shown in FIG. 12-14 or **2007** shown in FIG. 14) has been selected by a user via the Event Flow user interface (**2000** in FIG. 12, **3000** in FIG. 13, or **4000** in FIG. 14). The Master Page **5000** has been selected to be a Foreground Master. Accordingly, one or more graphical elements created in (or contained in) the Master Page **5000** will show on top of (or in front of) other graphical elements contained in an Event Page. The Master Page **5000** could have been selected to be a Background Master, in which case the one or more graphical elements created in (or contained in) the Master Page **5000** would have been shown on the bottom of (or in back of) other graphical elements contained in an Event Page.

The Master Page **5000** has been edited (or modified) with graphical elements that have been created and/or added by the user. The graphical elements include a horizontal bar **5002** positioned at the top of the window. The horizontal bar **5002** includes three interactive elements (e.g., buttons) **5004**, **5006**, **5008** also positioned at the top of the window.

FIG. 16 shows an example of the Event Flow user interface **6000**, showing the Master Page **5000** and an Event Page **6002** after the Master Page **5000** has been edited, as shown in FIG. 15. The horizontal bar **5002** positioned at the top of the window, including the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008** contained in the Master Page **5000** also show on top of (or in front of) other graphical elements **6004** contained in the Event Page **6002**. Any changes to the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008** made in the Master Page **5000** is applied to the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008** shown in the Event Page **6002**.

FIGS. 17A and 17B show an example of the Event Page **6002** being edited and/or modified after the Event Page **6002** has been selected by the user from, for example, the Event Flow user interface **6000** shown in FIG. 16.

FIG. 17A shows additional graphical elements **6006** which have been added to the Event Page **6002**. The Event Page **6002** shows the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008** made in the Master Page **5000** being displayed at the top of the window, as configured by the user

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when the user interacted with the Master Page **5000** (shown in FIG. 15). While the user is interacting with the Event Page **6002**, the user is provided with interactive elements (e.g., icons), which the user can select to activate an editing mode of the Master Page elements that are shown in the Event Page **6002**. Accordingly, when the user selects to activate the editing mode of the Master Page elements, such as the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008**, the user can modify them from within the Event Page **6002**. The user does not necessarily have to move or select the Master Page (**5000** shown in FIGS. 15 and 16) in order to modify the Master Page elements, such as the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008**. An example of the interactive elements for activating the editing mode of the Master Page elements from within the Event Page **6002** can be, for example, a pencil icon shown above the Event Page **6002**, which when selected by the user, activates the editing mode of the Master Page elements from within the Event Page **6002**. Selecting the pencil icon can deactivate the editing mode of the Master Page elements from within the Event Page **6002**, preventing the Master Page elements from being modified inadvertently from within the Event Page **6002**. FIG. 17B shows the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008** having been modified so that the position of these Master Page elements **5002**, **5004**, **5006**, **5008** have been changed to the bottom of the window.

FIG. 18 shows an example of the Event Flow user interface **7000** as displayed on a display after the modification of the Master Page elements **5002**, **5004**, **5006**, **5008** have been changed (e.g., edited) as shown in FIG. 17B. The changes to the Master Page elements **5002**, **5004**, **5006**, **5008** made from within the Event Page **6002** has been also made to the Master Page **5000**. Accordingly, the horizontal bar **5002** and the three buttons **5004**, **5006**, **5008** are positioned at the bottom of the window. It should be noted that the graphical elements **6006** which have been added to the Event Page **6002** are not shown in the Master Page **5000** because the graphical elements **6006** are graphical elements contained only in the Event Page **6002**. That is, the graphical elements **6006** are not Master Page elements.

Aspects:

It is noted that any one or more of aspects 1-18 can be combined with any one or more of aspects 19 and/or 20.

1. A computer-implemented method, comprising:

displaying a graphical user interface on a display of a computer, wherein the graphical user interface includes:

a first view portion and a second view portion;

the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer; and

the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory.

2. The computer-implemented method according to aspect 1, wherein the first view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the first image, wherein the first image and the at least one more image form a first stacked images.

3. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-2, wherein the second view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the second image, wherein the second image and the at least one more image form a second stacked images.

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4. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-3, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

a slide bar;

a first slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the first slider controlling a first stacked order of the first stacked images;

a second slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the second slider controlling a second stacked order of the second stacked images; and

a tandem slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the tandem slider controlling both the first stacked order and the second stacked order together.

5. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-4, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

a first page identifier displaying the first stacked order of a top image of the first stacked images, wherein the first page identifier dynamically changes as the first slider is moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along the slide bar.

6. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-5, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

a second page identifier displaying the second stacked order of a top image of the second stacked images, wherein the second page identifier dynamically changes as the second slider is moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along the slide bar.

7. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-6, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

a first page identifier displaying the first stacked order of a top image of the first stacked images, wherein the first page identifier dynamically changes as the first slider is moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along the slide bar.

8. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-7, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

one or more page creation buttons for adding another image associated with another page stored in the memory to the first stacked images.

9. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-7, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

one or more page creation buttons for adding another images associated with another page stored in the memory to the second stacked images.

10. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-9, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

one or more page creation buttons for adding another image associated with another page stored in the memory to the first stacked images.

11. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:

a drag-and-drop image which can be selected from the first or second stacked images and dropped into the second or first stacked images, wherein the displaying of the first and/or second stacked images change dynamically to display removal of the selected image by changing the first and/or second stacked order.

12. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, further comprising:

displaying the slider bar only when the number of pages stored in the memory is more than two.

13. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, further comprising:

displaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is more than three.

14. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, further comprising:

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displaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is equal to three.

15. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, further comprising:

undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is fewer than three.

16. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, further comprising:

undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is two.

17. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises an edit mode activation interactive element.

18. The computer-implemented method according to aspects 1-10, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises an edit mode deactivation interactive element.

19. A specialized computer, comprising:

a memory which has stored therein computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface;

a processor in communication with the memory, the processor being configured to load and execute the computer executable instructions of the graphical user interface when the computer executable instructions are read from the memory by the processor; and

a display in communication with the processor, the display being configured to display the graphical user interface according to the computer executable instructions executed by the processor, wherein the graphical user interface displayed on the display includes:

a first view portion and a second view portion,

the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer, and

the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory.

20. A non-transitory machine-readable storage medium which has stored therein computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface, the non-transitory machine-readable storage medium being connectable to a computer, wherein when the computer executes the computer executable instructions, the graphical user interface is displayed on a display of the computer, the graphical user interface comprises:

a first view portion and a second view portion;

the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer; and

the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory.

Preferred embodiments have been described. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that various modifications and substitutions are possible, without departing from the scope of the invention as claimed and disclosed, including the full scope of equivalents thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method, comprising:

displaying a graphical user interface on a display of a computer, wherein the graphical user interface comprises:

a first view portion and a second view portion;

the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer;

the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory;

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- a slide bar;
 a first slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the first slider controlling a first stacked order of the first stacked images;
 a second slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the second slider controlling a second stacked order of the second stacked images; and
 a tandem slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the tandem slider controlling both the first stacked order and the second stacked order together, wherein the first view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the first image, wherein the first image and the at least one more image form a first stacked images, and the second view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the second image, wherein the second image and the at least one more image form a second stacked images.
2. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - a first page identifier displaying the first stacked order of a top image of the first stacked images, wherein the first page identifier dynamically changes as the first slider is moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along the slide bar.
 3. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - a second page identifier displaying the second stacked order of a top image of the second stacked images, wherein the second page identifier dynamically changes as the second slider is moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along the slide bar.
 4. The computer-implemented method according to claim 3, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - a first page identifier displaying the first stacked order of a top image of the first stacked images, wherein the first page identifier dynamically changes as the first slider is moved along the slide bar and/or as the tandem slider is moved along the slide bar.
 5. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - one or more page creation buttons for adding another image associated with another page stored in the memory to the first stacked images.
 6. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - one or more page creation buttons for adding another image associated with another page stored in the memory to the second stacked images.
 7. The computer-implemented method according to claim 6, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - one or more page creation buttons for adding another image associated with another page stored in the memory to the first stacked images.
 8. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises:
 - a drag-and-drop image which can be selected from the first or second stacked images and dropped into the second or first stacked images, wherein the displaying of the first and/or second stacked images change dynamically to display removal of the selected image by changing the first and/or second stacked order.

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9. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - displaying the slider bar only when the number of pages stored in the memory is more than two.
10. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - displaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is more than three.
11. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - displaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is equal to three.
12. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is fewer than three.
13. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - undisplaying the slider bar when the number of pages stored in the memory is two.
14. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises an edit mode activation interactive element.
15. The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises an edit mode deactivation interactive element.
16. A specialized computer, comprising:
 - a memory which has stored therein computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface;
 - a processor in communication with the memory, the processor being configured to load and execute the computer executable instructions of the graphical user interface when the computer executable instructions are read from the memory by the processor; and
 - a display in communication with the processor, the display being configured to display the graphical user interface according to the computer executable instructions executed by the processor, wherein the graphical user interface displayed on the display includes:
 - a first view portion and a second view portion, the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer,
 - the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory,
 - a slide bar,
 - a first slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the first slider controlling a first stacked order of the first stacked images,
 - a second slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the second slider controlling a second stacked order of the second stacked images, and
 - a tandem slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the tandem slider controlling both the first stacked order and the second stacked order together,
 wherein the first view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the first image, wherein the first image and the at least one more image form a first stacked images, and
 the second view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with

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an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the second image, wherein the second image and the at least one more image form a second stacked images.

17. A non-transitory machine-readable storage medium which has stored therein computer executable instructions for a graphical user interface, the non-transitory machine-readable storage medium being connectable to a computer, wherein when the computer executes the computer executable instructions, the graphical user interface is displayed on a display of the computer, the graphical user interface comprises:

a first view portion and a second view portion;

the first view portion includes a first image associated with a first digital content page stored in a memory of the computer;

the second view portion includes a second image associated with a second digital content page stored in the memory;

a slide bar;

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a first slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the first slider controlling a first stacked order of the first stacked images;

a second slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the second slider controlling a second stacked order of the second stacked images; and

a tandem slider associated with the slide bar for moving along the slide bar, the tandem slider controlling both the first stacked order and the second stacked order together,

wherein the first view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the first image, wherein the first image and the at least one more image form a first stacked images, and

the second view portion includes at least one more image, the at least one more image is associated with an additional digital content page stored in the memory, wherein the at least one more image is displayed stacked behind the second image, wherein the second image and the at least one more image form a second stacked images.

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